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To Whom It May Concern:

I am opposed to the current state of affairs concerning the anti-trust case against Microsoft. Forcing them to remove their browser from the core of their operating system is a step in the right direction, it is not enough.

Although some people are for making them release the source code for thier products, I think that this would also be the wrong decsion. They have invested millions, if not billions in the code that makes up Windows and Office. Forcing them to give it away is wrong and un-American. However it is a well known fact that they have used their domaince in the PC market to illegally force competiors out of the market. Look at Netscape and OS/2 for examples.

Although radical as it might be, I believe that the best way to handle this monopoly is to break it up into two seperate corporations. One for the OS, one for applications such as Office, Internet Explorer, various games, and the X-Box. That way it ensures that the applications cannot be integrated into the OS any more than a competiors might be. People say that doing so would damage our economy. I say it would help more than hurt. With IE and Office no longer so tightly bound to the OS, it would get competiors a level playing field. With a level playing field comes a much better, stabler economy. Look that the economy of the United States. It is based on the one simple fact that everyone starts out on a level playing field. Without that, where would we be today?

Look back to AT&T. Sure, when they were split up it was rough for a while, but look now. Look at Sprint and MCI. With true competation comes the ability to offer the best services to the most people at the best price. Everyone wins. Please, don't let Microsoft remain a monopoly.

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